Driving skills of truck drivers in Delhi

5380. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report has appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 26th April, 2002 that most truck drivers lack driving skills in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of drivers have acquired licenses from the neighbouring States without proper training;

(c) what is the check on these unfit and half cooked erring drivers who violate the norms as is the case of Lodi Road accident; and

(d) whether any authority has ever gone into such incidents, if so, the recommendations made and the action taken on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subject matter relates to Government of NCT of Delhi. No such records is available with this Ministry.

(c) Drivers found violating traffic rules and regulations can be prosecuted by the enforcement agencies of the State Government for various categories of offences under provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. Driving licenses can also be revoked/suspended/cancelled. Further, the introduction of smart card based driving licenses is also expected to act as a check.

(d) The matter falls under the purview of state Government of NCT of Delhi.

Construction of NH-57

†5381. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the upto date status of construction of National Highways No. 57;

(b) the details of the amount spent on the scheme and the work done during 2001-2002;

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